

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Omer Gene Brooksher.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Omer Gene Brooksher, mayor of the City of Adams; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Robertson County, Mayor Brooksher was born in Adams on August 29, 1937, to Omer T. and Flossie Arms Brooksher, and he passed from this world on November 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooksher was a self-employed contractor, a member of the Adams Men's Club, and a member of the Tennessee-Kentucky Threshermen's Association; and

WHEREAS, best known as a guardian of all things good in his beloved community, Mr. Brooksher was recognized in 2013 for his thirty years of service on the Adams City Council; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, his position on that governing body was as mayor, and he is one of only three who have held that office in the town's fifty-year history. Mr. Brooksher was, indeed, an iconic community leader; and

WHEREAS, Omer Brooksher epitomized the characteristics of the highest order of volunteerism; those who knew him, whether by lifelong relationship or by recent acquaintance, described him the same, as a man of integrity who loved the City of Adams more than anyone, and he was its solid rock of support; and

WHEREAS, this gentleman was an ardent supporter of Jo Byrns High School. He garnered funding, gave in-kind labor, and spearheaded community projects, including the development of John Strange Park, the acquisition of fire and safety equipment for volunteer squads, and the renovation of the Bell School Complex for civic, governmental, and business purposes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooksher was preceded in death by his wife of fifty years, Thelma Jean Jenkins Brooksher; his sister, Frances Ragland; and his brother, Tony Brooksher; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Pam Stack and Marcia and Ronny Carlisle; grandsons, John and Jacob Stack and Eli and Chance Carlisle; sister-in-law, Shelby Brooksher; and nieces, Cheryl Ford, Staci Krantz, Tammy S. Head, and Tina B. Douglas; and

WHEREAS, Omer Brooksher was a unique person who committed his personal excellence to being a leader in his community and always led by example. His leadership was unparalleled and he will be sorely missed, and it is fitting that this body honor his memory; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the life and legacy of Omer Gene Brooksher, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our condolences to the family of Mr. Brooksher.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.